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Alumni Walk Planned



Elise James

Dear Alumni and Friends of Northwestern:

Spring at Northwestern is always beautiful. The grass is so green and the colors are bursting out everywhere. The crepe myrtle's are in full bloom. Remember the ones by the Natatorium? Come and see the campus when you can.

We are beginning a great project to be called the Alumni Walk. This walk will be located in the area where Caldwell Hall was. It will consist of walkways, benches for sitting and reminiscing, bird baths to lure the birds in for a drink, and beautiful shrubs and flowers. We hope that it will be a place that Alumni will want to come and do some remembering. Please read the feature story in this issue of the Columns for more information. The 60 Year Reunion group were the first to learn of this project and the first to contribute to it, but all Alumni are invited to participate by sending your donation marked Alumni Walk to this office.

The Northwestern Alumni Association is always looking for ways to make money so as to be of more assistance to the university and also to be able to give more scholarships to students. In the past month you should have received information on the latest project. We have signed a contract with a company called ATS Communications, Inc. ATS is a national long-distance carrier. It is designed to help non-profit organizations such as the Alumni Association and its supporters by providing them with lower long distance rates. Basically, by transferring your long distance service to them you will receive a discount based on the amount of your bill if you pay on time and the Northwestern Alumni Association will receive 8% of your long distance bill. The discount you receive can vary from 10% to 17 1/2%. Please read the story in the Columns on this project that will not only benefit you but Northwestern. If you have questions concerning this endeavor, please call us.

Reunions have been abounding on campus this spring. Demon men and women's basketball Alumni have returned to campus to visit with one another and to see the area. Baseball and Softball Alumni got together in March and April and enjoyed seeing each other and also attended Demon Baseball and Softball games. It is so much fun to see old friends laughing and talking. We need to have more of these involving other areas. Wouldn't band members, former agriculture students, business school students, etc., like to return as a group? If you are interested in such a reunion, let me know. As members of an academic area while in school you might want to see your old classmates.

One of the main points of reunions is involvement - we want you involved. Great things are happening on the Northwestern campus and we want YOU to be a part of them.

Elise P. James
Coordinator of Alumni Affairs

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Office Of The President Northwestern State University

From the President

To our Alumni and Friends:

Northwestern State University has been a pioneer on different frontiers of higher education for more than a century, and all of us who are associated with the institution—students, faculty and alumni—are proud of that role which has brought the university so much positive recognition.

Your Alma Mater has been at the forefront of teacher education in Louisiana since the late 1800's. Northwestern has also been a pacesetter over the years in the education of nurses and in the preparation of young men and women for careers in business and the professions.

Now, Northwestern has moved to the cutting edge of space research and education through its selection for participation in a cooperative program with the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Four Northwestern scientists spent 10 weeks at the space center last summer in preparation for the university's continuing involvement in Project Jove, the NASA-University Joint Venture program in space science. The NSU faculty members have maintained continual communications with the space flight center through computer links.

Northwestern is one of only seven universities in the nation participating in Project Jove. Others are Vanderbilt, Texas Southern, Auburn, West Virginia, Rice and the University of Georgia.

In this initial phase of the program, university scientists and researchers are assisting NASA in the study and evaluation of data compiled on space flights. Chemists, physicists and mathematicians are involved in this portion of the program, which will be expanded to include 30 additional institutions in 1990-1991.

As the manned space flight program expands, other faculty and staff at Northwestern and other participating universities will become involved in Project Jove. There will be a need for research and involvement by authorities in nutrition, human relations, psychology and numerous other disciplines.

Northwestern has also been asked by NASA to assist in developing curricula and special television courses in space science for junior high and high school students. Work has begun at the university in that area.

In the 1990's, Northwestern will also be assuming a role of leadership in modern agri-business programs designed to conform with the changing needs and resources of this region.

A cooperative program is already being discussed with Tyson Foods, Con-Agra, Pilgrim's Pride and other leaders in the poultry industry for development of curricula, internships, employment programs for graduates and other programs that will be mutually beneficial to higher education and agriculture-related businesses and industries.

Northwestern is still a vibrant, innovative leader in higher education in Louisiana. Exciting things are happening at your Alma Mater. Plan to visit the campus soon to see how progressive programs and activities are being intertwined with rich history and traditions to make NSU one of the most dynamic and stimulating institutions of higher education in the South.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Alost".

Robert A. Alost
President



Robert Alost



Construction begins on Alumni Walk

The Alumni Walk



When Dr. Robert Alost approached head of landscape and maintenance director Jerry Smith about an idea he had for a new landscape project, a dream was born. Alost was interested in developing an area that could be utilized for alumni, students and guests coming to Northwestern.

This area was to be located near the Caldwell Hall site and Bullard Mansion columns. It was to be a place with a soothing, tranquil atmosphere that could be enjoyed by young and old alike. Smith submitted several landscape drawings to Alost for review and they finally selected the design which would achieve their goal.

The next stage was to present the idea and design to the Alumni Association in hopes to receive their financial backing and support. Smith set out to create a scaled down version of the Alumni Walk to present during an alumni reunion in November of 1989.

With the aid of his wife, Debbie and faithful student worker Dee Stout, the three began working on the project. Although some items for the model had to be purchased, most had to be handmade. Through painstaking work, trees had to be set up in the proper areas to emphasize buildings, monuments and historic areas while at the same time trying to disguise any undesirable scenery.

Smith also worked closely at this time with Director of Physical Plant, Loren Lindsey, on establishing costs and estimates for the project. They were able to come up with figures that they could use in its proposal.

Pictures and colored slides were taken at every angle of the model as well as some of the outdoor furniture, fountains and birdbaths to be used on the Walk.

November came and Smith was able to present this project to the alumni present at the reunion. The response was tremendous.

At this time, Smith is involved in sidewalk repair and landscaping in the general area of the new Alumni Walk in preparation

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Jerry Smith



for the future project. The area is really appropriate for the locations of such a project due to the old style of buildings in the area, and historic value of the columns of Bullard Mansion.

In an effort to establish some of the cost projections, representatives of Northwestern have talked with a few of the local contractors for their estimates on the contract of sidewalk construction. This will be our largest expense which will run somewhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000 depending on what type of surface is decided on. The decision has fallen between two choices. Faux brick offers a design that looks a lot like brick and comes in various colors. This process uses concrete and pull up patterns to give the effect of actual brick. The other alternative is washed gravel. This process also uses concrete, but adds a layer of gravel on top for that look.

Some of the other items needed will be plants, trees, ground cover, and shrubs. The fish pond construction will run approximately \$3,500.

Smith is hoping to start the project off with approximately \$7,000 to create a look that will be beautiful in any season. There are very few plants at the present time, so the construction crew will have to start from scratch.

During the slide presentation to alumni, much of the discussion centered on the outdoor furnishings such as benches and bird baths. Smith located a manufacturer out of Leesville who builds the old style concrete benches and seats at a very low cost. Northwestern plans to remain in this style of construction due to the setting that the Alumni Walk is trying to achieve in this historic area.

Smith said that the available funds will enable him to purchase a set of these tables and seats for \$250. This price includes four pieces of furniture and has inlaid tile in a wide range of designs and colors. The Alumni Walk will need several of these around the walk for people to relax and study or to sit and talk about old times and their memories of this area. This manufacturer also makes fountain accessories and bird baths that will be needed, and the costs are very low.

Irrigation lines, sprinklers, nozzles and water pumps can be purchased for approximately \$2,000. Electric lines will have to be installed and will cost about \$1,500. The lighting fixtures needed will cost approximately \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Although the added figures may seem very high, Smith believes the response from alumni will enable the school to construct a beautiful area that Northwestern can be proud of and all alumni can enjoy for many years to come.

To send donations to the Alumni Walk, add suggestions or ask for more information, please contact Elise James, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497 or call (318) 357-4414.

Career Planning & Placement

At a time when maintaining high enrollments is so crucial in higher education one might assume that job placement of graduates is less important. To the contrary, now more than ever, college students and their parents, who often foot the bill are acutely aware of the importance of selecting a suitable vocation and landing a promising job. It is not just the rising cost of a college education that focuses more attention on careers. Increased consumerism and college curricula that require more specialization point to the importance of early career planning.

At Northwestern, the Office of Career Planning and Placement assists students with career decisions by providing personal counseling, test interpretation, resource materials and job fairs. Students receive placement assistance through seminars on resume and letter preparation, interviewing skills and job search. These services are also available to alumni.

Probably the most important placement component in the office of Career Planning and Placement at Northwestern is the on campus interview where school systems, companies and other business organizations are invited on campus to interview prospective graduates. Some of the organizations interviewing on campus this fall were Peat Marwick, K-Mart, Brookshire's, J.C. Penney's, Caddo School Board, Port Arthur Schools, and others.

Alumni involvement in the campus recruiting process is an added boost. Students become particularly interested in a company when they know the recruiter is a graduate of the university. In addition, the recruiter can help the student relate academic experiences to the world of work. Graduates are the best possible role models for success for our students.

The successful graduate also functions as a marketing agent for the company he or she represents as well as for his or her alma mater. This fall for example, Northwestern graduates Bruce Hildebrand (for Peat Marwick) and Jack Leggett (Port Arthur Schools) were among the best received recruiters on campus. Their familiarity with the campus and curricula made these visits most profitable.

Northwestern can be proud of its many distinguished graduates. One need only glance at "Class Notes" in this issue to see evidence of success of NSU graduates. Among the many distinguished alumni are the director of procurement of NASA in Houston, five general military officers, corporate business leaders, educators, an award winning playwright and many others. The potential for success among NSU graduates has been proven in the workforce; satisfied personnel directors and managers sing their praises.

Alumni who are interested in the campus interview process are encouraged to become involved. Former students can assist Northwestern students by participating directly as an interviewer, by encouraging personnel directors to visit the Northwestern campus, or by forwarding the names and phone numbers of personnel directors to: Career Planning and Placement, P. O. Box 5229, NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71497, phone (318) 357-5621.

J. Walter Porter Forum

J. Walter Porter's insight and convictions led to 23 years of student development at Northwestern through the forum which bears his name. As an astute business man and co-founder of Gifford-Hill Pipe Co. of Grand Prairie, Texas, Porter observed that college graduates had little in-depth interaction with business practitioners. He felt it essential for a student's full development, to bring the campus world and industrial world together.

This basic concept was developed by Porter and a professor who had transferred from Southwestern College in Kansas to Northwestern in the mid 1960's. Since that time, over 100 businessmen and women have visited Northwestern's lecture halls bringing a better understanding of the workings of business in the free enterprise system. A central point of Porter was the development of an understanding of the workings of the competitive system and the motivating forces behind it.

J. Walter Porter was a man of deep moral convictions. "He would not bid if he had to bribe" vividly describes the convictions he held. Porter understood that the concept of a free competitive economy rests upon the assumption that the participants in that system will adhere to the very highest levels of morals and ethics, and he was vitally concerned about the tendency which he saw among some executives to adopt the attitude of "if you can't whip them, join them." He realized that, sooner or later, if we are to retain any semblance of a free, competitive system, businessmen are going to have to accept the cost of taking a position on principle.

Porter, a native of Kaufman County, Texas and a graduate of Texas A&M and Harvard, inspired commitment and concern in his family and friends. This legacy led to the establishment in 1986 of an endowment of nearly \$40,000 to perpetuate this most fruitful experience. A most unique aspect of this legacy is that none of the contributors are Northwestern graduates or Louisiana natives. Instead, they are people who recognized that fulfilling a need and worthy purpose is proof that the partnership of both worlds can and does work.

Departmental Reorganization

"Our reorganization is logical and working well. All of us, in the new department, are concerned with communication theory."

Dr. Sara A. Burroughs

Northwestern State University has recently reorganized its academic departments, reducing the academic structure of the university from 16 departments to six departments and four divisions.

Dr. Edward W. Graham, vice-president of academic affairs, said the reorganization, which was approved by the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, effective August 15, 1989.

He said the new organizational structure will reduce administrative costs and provide additional funds for all levels of undergraduate and graduate classroom instruction at Northwestern.

The following departments and department chairmen were established in the reorganization: Department of Creative and Performing Arts, William E. Brent, music, art and theatre; Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Dr. Austin Temple, mathematics, chemistry, physics, geology and industrial technology; Department of Social Sciences, Dr. Maxine Taylor, history, social sciences, social work, psychology and military science; Department of Life Sciences, Dr. Thomas A. Burns, biology, microbiology, agriculture and veterinary technology; Department of Language and Communications, Dr. Sara A. Burroughs, foreign languages, English and journalism; and the Department of Health and Physical Education, Dr. William Dickens, health, physical education and recreation.

The four academic divisions, including directors and academic disciplines, are as follows:

The Division of Business, Acting Head, Dr. Barry Smiley, business; Division of Education, Dr. Sandra McCalla, education, human services and home economics; Division of Nursing, Dr. Arlene

Airhart, undergraduate and graduate nursing and research; and the Louisiana Scholars' College, Dr. Grady W. Ballenger, liberal arts and sciences.

The previous organization of academic affairs at Northwestern included the Departments of Art; Biology and Microbiology; Business; Chemistry, Physics and Geology; Education; Health, Physical Education and Recreation; History, Social Sciences and Social Work; Home Economics; Human Services; Industrial Technology; Language Arts, Mathematics; Music and Theatre Arts; Nursing Undergraduate Studies; Nursing Graduate Studies and Research; and Psychology.

Brent, chairman of the Creative and Performing Arts Department said, "I feel the transition of all the performing and creative arts into one department has gone very smoothly. We can now establish one goal which is to further the arts in the central Louisiana area."

Brent served the past three years as chairman of the Department of Music and Theatre Arts and this fall begins his seventh year as director of bands at Northwestern.

Dr. Sara A. Burroughs, chairman of the Department of Language and Communication, stated that, "Our reorganization is logical and working well. All of us in the new department, are concerned with communication theory."

A professor of English at Northwestern since 1972, Burroughs has served since the fall of 1987 as chairman of the Department of Language Arts.



In Good Taste Now on Sale

Finally, after 2 1/2 years of planning, typing, reading and researching, the Northwestern Campus Women's Club has published a "Northwestern" cookbook, In Good Taste. Sales of In Good Taste began fall 1989.

The long effort by many dedicated club members and alumni culminated in a beautiful book with a watercolor of the landmark columns for the cover. The book also contains collectable pen and ink drawings of other campus sites that will be familiar to alumni. In Good Taste features over 800 recipes submitted from alumni all over the United States. Recipes are divided into twelve sections from Soups and Gumbos to Pies and Desserts. A very special section of the cookbook, "From the President's Home", features menus and favorite recipes of Alma Alost, the current First Lady, and recipes and menus of many of Northwestern's former First Ladies.

The cookbook commit-

tee wishes to thank all the contributors for their support of this project. Almost every recipe submitted was included. Alumni and contributors will enjoy the many family tested recipes as well as reading the names and graduation dates of former classmates. The cookbook committee hopes this information will help renew old friendships and strengthen old ties to the alma mater.

Proceeds for In Good Taste are committed to scholarships to deserving students. Detach the form located on page 20 of this issue and request your copy while they last.



Hatley



Crossno



Jarred



Lekatis



Yankowski



Bryant

Summer Travel Courses Announced

Join Alumni and Friends on Your Vacation

The Northwestern Abroad office, under the direction of Dr. Grady Harper recently announced the Travel-Study program available to students for the summer of 1990.

Of special interest to Alumni will be the "British Folk Culture and Genealogy Tour" to be conducted by Dr. Donald W. Hatley, Director of the Louisiana Folklife Center.

Dr. Hatley stated that this Continuing Education Class, which is scheduled to tour in Britain August 1, 1990, through August 16, 1990 will give adult learners an opportunity to visit folk festivals, archives, museums, arts and crafts fairs, as well as historical sites. The tour will also provide opportunities for those interested in genealogy to visit genealogical research centers in the British Museum in London and in Scotland. The tour will begin with a seminar with a lecture by a British Folk Life expert at King's College in London, who will provide the group with useful information to use on their tour.

King's College of London, in conjunction with Anglophiles Academic, Ltd. Of London, will coordinate seminar lectures, accommodations, folk culture activities and field trips and genealogical activities in Britain. Ample time will be allotted for individuals to pursue interests such as sightseeing, antique hunting, taking photos, and shopping. Overnight accommodations will be in British University Halls of Residence. Travel in Britain will be by bus.

Major cities to be included on the tour are London, Shrewsbury, Durham, Edinburgh, and cities in Yorkshire.

Additional information on the British Folk Culture and Genealogical Tour will be available from Dr. Hatley at (318) 357-4332.



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Dr. Donald W. Hatley

Dr. Virginia Crossno will offer a British Housing Study Tour under Home Economics 4220. This travel study course is scheduled for June 6 through July 20. Course participants will study British home architecture, experience British family life by staying in private homes. Several days will be spent in London.

Dr. Ada Jarred will offer the following Travel-study courses in Britain and in Ireland: comparative Library Materials and Services for Children, Comparative Education and Comparative Library Materials and Services for Young Adults.

Students will visit and observe schools and other education institutions in Britain and Ireland. Visits to public and national libraries are planned in Britain and Ireland. The group will visit homes of famous literary figures like William Wordsworth, Beatrix Potter and others.

For additional information on the Britain-Ireland tour contact Dr. Ada Jarred, (318) 357-4403 or (318) 357-0969.

Travel-study in Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico will begin June 28 and continue through July 16 guided by three Northwestern instructors.

Dr. Nicholas Lekatis will instruct the undergraduate Spanish courses on that tour. The course is currently filled to capacity but applications for standbys are still being accepted. For details contact Dr. Lekatis at (318) 352-7608 or (318) 357-6272.

Mr. Michael Yankowski will instruct an undergraduate photography course. The maximum enrollment for this tour is fifteen. No prior experience in photography is necessary for this course. For details telephone Mr. Yankowski at (318) 357-0929 or (318) 357-4522.

Dr. Bill Bryant will be instructing a watercolor painting class. The maximum enrollment for this course is also fifteen. Please contact Dr. Bryant at (318) 352-5640 or 357-4522.

Miss Northwestern *Lady of the Bracelet*

On Friday, Feb. 9, a panel of judges selected 19-year-old Karen Elizabeth Engeron of Houma to reign as the university's 33rd Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet, an honor which earns the junior broadcast journalism major an appearance as NSU's official representative at the Miss Louisiana Pageant at the Civic Center in Monroe June 14-16.

Not only did the brown-eyed beauty, who was the 1989 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Queen, win the title, but she came close to sweeping every major award available during the event which was sponsored by NSU's Student Activities Board.

In addition to winning some \$3,000 in scholarships and prizes, Miss Engeron also walked off with Miss Congeniality, preliminary swimsuit and preliminary evening gown awards.

The only major awards she did not win were for talent—preliminary talent and the People's Choice Award for talent—which were won by the pageant's first runner-up, Patricia Breckenridge of Kingwood, Tex.

Other runners-up in the pageant were Shannon Greer of Pineville, second runner-up, and Shonda Wise of Winnfield, third runner-up.

Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet is probably the most unique and interesting title in the state. A very traditional title, the Lady of the Bracelet has a history of campus beauties that began 32 years ago, in 1959, when the winner was chosen in a contest sponsored by the Potpourri, NSU's yearbook.

In 1970, this coveted beauty title became an official Miss Louisiana and Miss America preliminary when the Student Union Governing Board, which is now the Student Activities Board, took over the operation and purchased a Miss America franchise.

Because the Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet Pageant is an outstanding

program and its past winners exemplify it as one of the South's finest, the NSU Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Affairs are attempting to locate all former winners of the title.

If you know how to contact any of our former queens, please call (318) 357-4414 or write the Office of Alumni Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.

Here are the past holders of Miss Northwestern-Lady of the Bracelet:

1959 - Kahne Dipola Bandaries
1960 - Bohhie Sue Craft
1961 - Barbara Jean Dowden Regan
1962 - Pat Cooper
1963 - Pat Fulton Kelly
1964 - Sherry Boucher Lytle
1965 - Ann Cleveland
1966 - Pat Pace
1967 - Pam Rushing Haley
- Phylis Jackson Pope
1968 - Marcie Plumber Fowler
1969 - Zelma Pyland
1970 - Bonnie Martin Bogue
1971 - Kay McKnight Platt
1972 - Elaine Rainey
1973 - Lisa Thompson
1974 - Lenn Dohmann Price
1975 - Bonnie Outlaw Lytton
1976 - Cheryl Purcell Gianforte
1977 - Denise Gueringer
1978 - Venetia Lee Holtzclaw
1979 - Barbie Jenkins
1980 - Zina Curlee
1981 - Stacia Caldwell
1982 - Jennifer Todd
1983 - Lesa Hatley
1984 - Elycia Graham
1985 - Chrissy Bailey
1986 - Kay Lane
1987 - Dayna Dooley
1988 - Carol Jordan
1989 - Cindy Bethel



Wilkes Reaches Pinnacle

Never turns away from a challenge



Wilkes

"If I have any marketable ability," she says, "it's the ability to get things done, the willingness to go above and beyond what's expected, to do an outstanding job and exceed my employer's expectations."

Last December, Lela Mae Lea Wilkes became president of Brown-Eagle, an industrial contracting firm that leases a full-time specialized labor force to chemical and industrial plants from Baton Rouge to Kentucky.

The fact that Wilkes is one of very few women heading American industrial contracting companies pleases but does not surprise or intimidate her. To talk to Lela Mae Wilkes is to understand quickly that her successes are the natural outcome of lessons learned at Northwestern State University and, even earlier, growing up on "the last little road in east Baton Rouge Parish."

"Growing up in the little town of Pride, Louisiana," she says, "I learned some very important lessons. I was fortunate to have a mother who was a wonderful role model. My mother was a registered nurse who nursed for 50 years and ended her career as the Director of Nurses at St. Helena Hospital in Greensburg, LA. My mother always stressed the need for an education so that I would never

be dependent upon anybody. My father was also a terrific role model. Whatever he did he gave it 110% and he excelled at whatever he attempted. My father, who ran a large dairy farm, always told me, 'You can do it. Don't ever turn away from a challenge. Just go back there and tell them you can do it.'"

After graduation, Wilkes returned to Pride to help her father with the dairy farm.

"Oddly enough, it was there on the farm that I learned the most about myself and about running a business," says Wilkes. The dairy farm stood as a microcosm of the entire business world. If you make a business mistake on a dairy farm, it usually shows up within 24 hours either in the quality or quantity of the milk produced."

When her father passed away, Wilkes traded the dairy herd for a less demanding beef herd and returned to school, earning her B.S. in Accounting, and C.P.A.

A short stint working for a major international oil company followed. She was the first woman to travel internationally for them. But Wilkes soon decided to seek employment in a smaller corporation.

"It may sound strange," she says, "but it had never occurred to me that there would be prejudice against a woman in my workplace. In a small corporation, I felt I would have more control over my own destiny, that there wouldn't be so many layers between myself and the decision-makers whose decisions affected me."

In August of 1977, Wilkes signed on as the Controller at Brown-Eagle, Inc. In September 1985, she was named Vice-President and General Manager. The firm specializes in providing qualified technicians for product handling such as the packaging of fertilizers, herbicides, petroleum products, and plastics.

"If I have any marketable ability," she says, "it's the ability to get things done, the willingness to go above and beyond what's expected, to do an outstanding job and exceed my employer's expectations."

"If there's any advice at all that I could offer to students and young people just starting out," she says, "it would be to be committed to whatever you are doing and to care for the people around you."

Wilkes says her proudest achievement is her eight year old son named Lea who is a third grade student at St. Luke's Episcopal and was December Student of the Month.

Wilkes is active in church work, professional organizations, Scouts, Playmakers, United Way and Network (a group of the top 50 businesswomen in Baton Rouge).

After many years of dedication, Gerard "Sonny" F. Thomas, Jr. has joined up with the cream of the crop. Thomas, a partner in the Natchitoches law firm of Thomas, Dunahoe & Thomas, was just recently inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

The Academy, with members in 37 countries, limits U.S. membership to the nation's top 500 trial attorneys.

A Natchitoches native, Thomas received his bachelor of arts degree from Northwestern in 1943. He then joined the Marine Corps and was sent to boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina and Officer Training School in Quantico, Virginia.

During World War II he found himself stationed in areas spreading from Hawaii to Okinawa to Japan. Upon his return to the U.S. he continued his education by gaining his law degree from Louisiana State University in 1948.

He is currently a member of the American Bar Association and Louisiana State Bar Association, serving on its Committee on Professional Responsibility and chairing the committee in 1985.

Thomas served twice as a delegate to the LSBA's House of Delegates, from 1958

Thomas Selected Among Top



Thomas

to 1966 and again from 1968 to 1988. He was a member of the Judiciary commission of Louisiana from 1983 to 1987 and served as chairman of the commission in 1987. In 1989 he was named by Governor Roemer to a special task force to study elections for judges.

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers selects members from among attorneys whose skills and abilities in trial and appellate practice are of an exceptionally high degree, whose character and integrity are unimpeachable and who have actively contributed to the promotion of the highest standards and techniques of advocacy.

While at Northwestern, then Northwestern State Normal College, Thomas was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Interfraternity Council, Varsity Debate Team and the Student Council.

Thomas remembers being vice-president of the student body when an extra "date-night" for coeds was added and check-in time changed from 10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Thomas is the father of seven children, several of whom have followed in his footsteps and have attended Northwestern State University.

Cooking In The President's Home

(The following is an excerpt from "Cooking in the President's Home" by Laura Claire Tisou Harris, daughter of President William Tisou, 1929-1954.)

We girls, Camilla, Ethel and I had often visited in the new President's home on the Normal College Campus with our friends, Mary Catherine and James Caffery, the grandchildren of President V.L. Roy. We never dreamed we would some day live in that beautiful house for five happy years. It was truly a "great house" filled with more nooks and crannies than I had ever seen and buzzers that could ring for service (we were told not to touch these!) Even the attic was special, a hide-out and a look-out over the campus.

The kitchen area with its butler's pantry and breakfast nook was the domain of Mamie, our beloved cook and friend. When my father announced that the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church was coming for dinner in five hours, it was Mamie that told my mother, "Now Mrs. Tison, don't you worry. Just relax. I'll get it all done." And she did.

It was she who had a delicious glass

of freshly squeezed orange juice and pancakes and sausage for Paula Potts and me when we returned from our very early practice on the tennis courts.

My mother, Ethel C. Tison, wife of President William White Tison, was a gracious hostess and excellent cook, but Mamie's expertise freed her to focus on flower arrangements and appointments and entertaining guests. It was she and her love of flowers that led her to ask my father to have hundreds of redbud and dogwood trees brought from the Kisatchie Forest and planted on the Normal Hill.

During Sunday dinners, my father, always wearing a coat and tie, the plates stacked in front of him, carved and served the meat, then passed the plates down to the other end of the long table to my mother who then served the vegetables. It was she who pressed the buzzer on the floor at her feet to summon

Mamie to bring in the freshly baked rolls on other occasions, to serve us individually.

There were often picnics on Saturdays next to a fast flowing brook at Kisatchie Forest or at Grand Ecore where we searched for arrowheads (and often found some!) We always brought Mamie's fried chicken and the big ice cream freezer with bags of ice cream salt. Everyone took his turn turning the freezer handle and of course the dasher was the coveted part.

There were many large and small social functions at our home. There were receptions for graduating seniors and their families in May, open house for new and returning students and their families in September and included a dance held for Camilla's High School graduation.



It has been a long time for this long retired Normal School graduate, but her sweet memories linger through her daughter, Rowena Elaine Lacoste Adamson who gives a brief history of her mother's life:

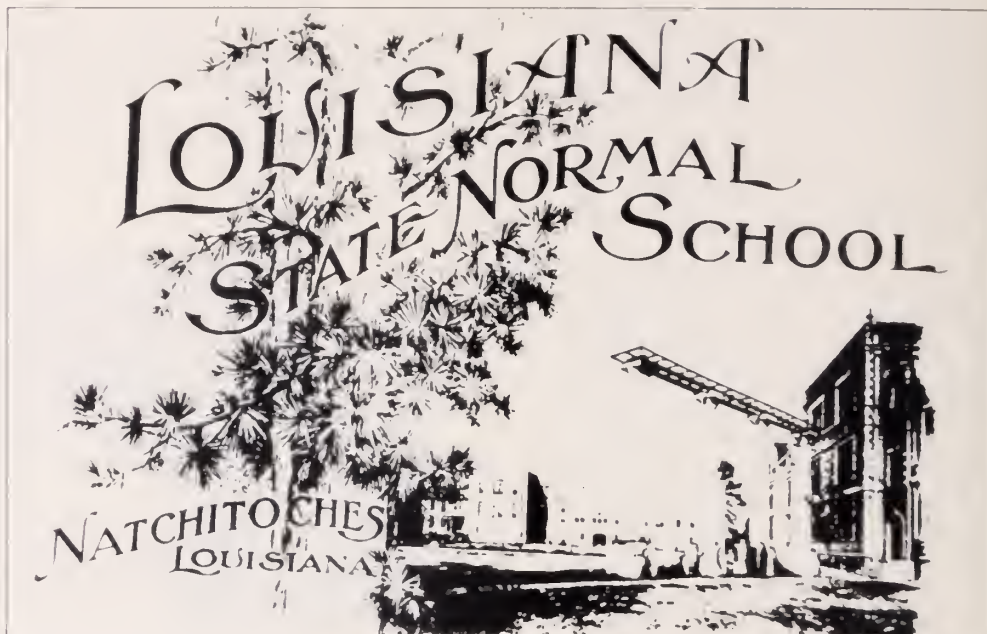
In 1909 in New Orleans, Rowena Corinne Nick fearfully asked her father for permission to go to high school. In those days a trip across the city and back would cost 10 cents, a luxury most hard working people could not afford to pay every day. The momentous request resulted in much mutual pleasure.

The daughter of Henry Louis Nick and Almyra Lee Anna Farmer, Rowena Nick was eager to learn. After a cousin finished a two-year program in Natchitoches, Rowena was sent to north Louisiana to do the same.

Education was a prominent national and state issue at that time and teachers stressed daily, "You CAN do it. Think. Order and discipline make learning possible. Exact a proper measure of effort from every student. Know ahead of time the questions they will ask. Stand up for what you believe."

One day in March of 1914, Rowena was asked by President V. L. Roy to take over a teaching position in Lafayette although she had not even graduated. Roy explained that the teaching job needed to be filled and he thought that she could do the job. Arriving two days later, she found schools dismissed because of the weather. It was then during a snowball fight that she met her first husband, Antoine "Black" Lacoste.

Because of a dispute about the salary, Rowena tried her hand at medical school at Tulane. Her conservative family pressured her into giving teaching one more try. So then came a long string of jobs in various schools: Carencro, Lafayette and Southwestern. During those years she earned her B.S. in mathematics and a Master of Arts. She taught both math and English to soldiers returned from World War I.



Pennock Stands For Excellence

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She eventually became the Head Mistress of the Warrenton Country School—a bilingual finishing school in Warrenton, Virginia. The girl students were daughters of the cultured and moneyed families of the northeast and the south, as well as daughters of ambassadors to the U.S. from foreign countries.

After the death of her first husband, Rowena met and married Joe Pennock. They left Virginia and moved northeast as the Great Depression began. Her husband found work in the office of GMAC in New York City.

They moved again as Rowena continued to further her education at the Detroit Art Institute and her daughter Elaine attended the University of Michigan.

When World War II struck, Rowena felt the need to again move south. She found a

position in New Orleans and taught her subjects to the military at Delgado College and even worked with Higgins Aircraft.

At the end of the war she began teaching at Newman, a private Jewish high school in New Orleans and was very happy to be working with high schoolers again. It was here that she labored hard, even learning the "new math" before retiring in 1962.

Even after retirement she was still needed as the head of the math department in Bogota, Columbia. Twenty-eight years after her last retirement, Rowena had 55-year olds rushing up to her to ask "Mrs. Pennock! Remember me? You were a really good teacher. I've still got the book we used for geometry. Wouldn't part with it."

Rowena set up an honorable family tradition in teaching. One grandson is teaching Busi-

ness Law at a college in Winchester, Va. One great granddaughter is an exemplary second grade teacher at Vista, California.

Is it really so different today as when President sent a young 21-year old out to teach saying, "We know you can handle the situation. We have perfect confidence in you. We know you can do a good job."

Now 97 years old, Rowena lives in New Orleans with her 72 year old daughter who is also a retired teacher.

29 Effie D. Mouton currently lives in Lafayette, LA. She has one child.

46 Doris "Dee" Herbert, B.A., currently resides in Toledo, Ohio. She retired from teaching in January 1980. She has five children.

50 Grady Howell and his wife, Mary Francis, currently live in Littleton, Colorado.

51 Jean Snead, B.S., M.S., recently retired after 25 years with Central Louisiana Electric. She is married and has one child. She currently resides in Pineville, LA.

53 William B. Wood, B.S., is currently a self-employed attorney in Wichita, Kansas.

63 Martha Cotton Willoughby, B.A., is currently the Training and Development Coordinator at the Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, LA.

67 Dr. Margaret F. Land, B.S., was recently selected as a chairman for the Department of Mathematics at the Texas A&I University, Kingsville, Texas.

In July of 1989 she was invited to Santiago, Chile to present a paper and a workshop on the Quality and Productivity at the InterAmerican Statistical Conference. She was also invited to address graduate engineers of Metropolitan University in Caracas, Venezuela on quality control.

Land has a daughter, Stephanie, who is also a graduate of mathematics from the University of Texas.

71 Paul Maxwell has recently formed a new commercial real estate firm called Maxwell Properties, Inc. in Alexandria, LA. Maxwell worked for the past five years with Noles-Woodring Realty where he was involved in commercial listings and sales.

He has earned the Certified Commercial Investment Member designation, awarded to about 3,000 individuals in the U.S.

and Canada by the Commercial-Investment Real Estate Council of the National Association of Realtors.

71 Mike Pool has recently been selected as the assistant vice president with First American Bank of Bossier City.

72 Wade Curry, M.B.A., is currently working with personnel at Cleco in Pineville, LA. He has a wife named Lisa and two children.

73 Roger L. Gill is currently the pastor with the Old Saline Baptist Church in Castor, LA. He resides there with his wife Linda Coile Gill and their three children.

74 Helen Conly, B.A., M.Ed., is currently a speech education facilitator with Caddo Parish Schools.

74 Monte Robinson is currently President of the Security State Bank in Bethany, LA. He is married to Carol Hottsclaw Robinson and has two children.

76 Joseph S. Sliman, B.S., currently resides in DeRidder, LA.

76 Randy Weaver has recently been hired as the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury's Parish Enforcement Officer. He was chosen from 20 applicants.

Weaver, who has earned six consecutive Police Expert ratings in firearm training by the National Rifle Association, is a P.O.S.T. qualified law enforcement officer.

After graduating from Northwestern, Weaver completed the Northwest Louisiana Regional Police Academy, 40 hours of training in chemical test for intoxication and a course on municipal and civil liability presented by the U.S. Department of Justice.

He has served for the past eight years with the City of Natchitoches Police Department where he held the rank of Sergeant. He spent nine months with the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office in 1980 and prior to that had served the city of Natchitoches for four and a half years as a police officer.

He is married to Lynne D. Weaver and has one child.

77 Rory Alexander, B.A., is currently the Senior District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. He is married to Tammy Gauthier Alexander, '79, B.A. and

has two children. They reside in Little Rock, Arkansas.

77 Joel W. McCart, B.A., is a major in the U.S. Army. He is married to Barbara Hogeboom McCart, '77, B.S., and has three children.

77 Denise Lewis Patrick has recently authored a series of six board books for PlaySkool. The books written especially for preschool children include the following: Bunny's Walk, The Busy Band Parade, Molly's Fix-it Day, Come and Play, Who's in the Kitchen and Away We Go.

In June 1989, *People* magazine reviewed Look Inside a House which Patrick adopted from an Italian version of the same title. She has had several book reviews printed in the *New York Times* Magazine Section. She has written and edited textbook materials for a number of publishing companies in New York City.

In 1987 she served as Project Editor for an up-date of the Raggedy Ann Series, a series of 19 books published by Macmillan Company.

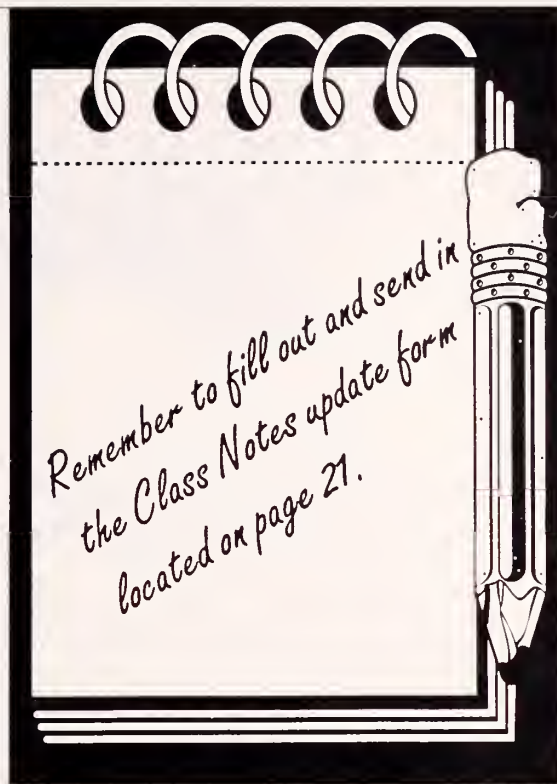
Originally employed by *Essence* magazine, Patrick completed a summer internship through the American Society of Magazine Editors before leaving Northwestern with a degree in news-editorial journalism.

She is married to Austin Patrick and has a son named Matthew. She is currently living in New York City.

78 Teresa Ferguson is a registered nurse with the Willis Knighton Medical Center. She has six children.

79 Pamela G. Johnston Carey, M.E., is currently employed by the Winn Parish School Board as a guidance counselor and girls' coach in Atlanta, LA. She is married to Mike Carey.

79 Terry M. Ruddell, B.A., and his wife Becky Guidry Ruddell, '79, B.S., currently reside in Longview, Texas. They have three children.



81 Diane Horuath, B.A., is a crime analyst with U.S. Customs. She is married to John Horuath and has two children. She lives in Silverdale, Washington.

81 Charles Wood, B.A., is a self-employed agent at the State Farm Insurance company. He is married to Melinda Moore, '86, MA, and has two children. They live in Many, LA.

82 Rob Jordan, B.S., is the Senior Industrial Engineer for the Oster/Sunbeam Appliance Co. He is married to Kathy Foshee Jordan, '83, B.A., M.Ed., and has one child. They reside in Robeline, LA.

82 Donnie K. Mosley, B.S., is a neighborhood office agent at the Allstate Insurance Agency in Shreveport, LA. He is married to Gwendolyn Brooks Mosley.

83 Karen Whitworth Van Aradel, A.D., is a registered nurse with the Caddo Shreveport Health Unit.

84 Susan Arthur is currently a lawyer in Irving, Texas.

85 Cynthia Louise Berry, B.S., is a teacher working for the East Baton Rouge School Board.

88 Rafiq Ajmal, B.S., B.A., is currently a Program/Analyst with All State Insurance, Co. He lives in Des Plaines, Illinois.

88 Allen L. Haines, M.A., is an Air Defense Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is married to Karen Bible Haines and has two children.

Obituaries

Joseph Thomas Lewis, Jr. died on January 15, 1990. A resident of Natchitoches, Lewis was the first advisor to Kappa Alpha Fraternity on Northwestern's campus in the early 1960's. He was the retired owner of Lewis' Ladies' Wear of Natchitoches. Survivors include a wife, two sons, three brothers and three grandchildren.

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Thanks to a new program combining the efforts of Northwestern State University and ATS Communications, Inc., alumni of Northwestern can now save 10% or more on long distance calls and at the same time help out the Northwestern Alumni and Athletic Associations.

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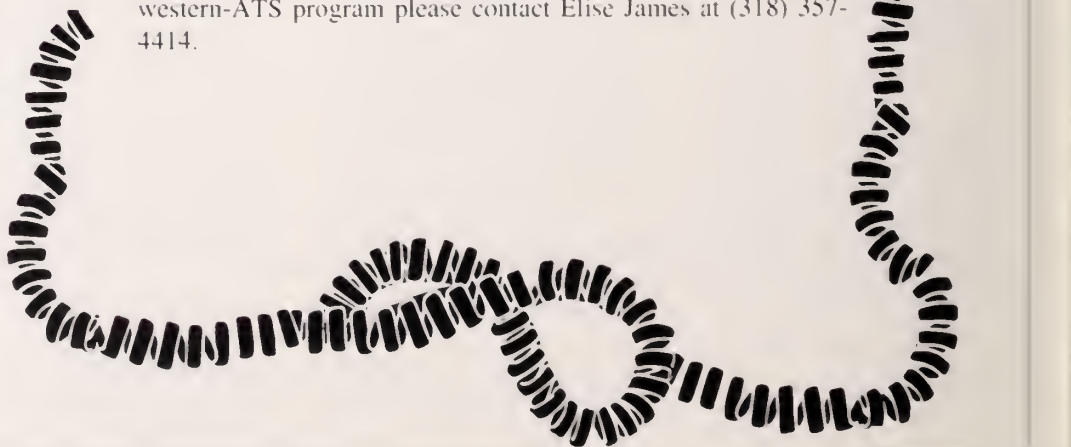
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For more information on ATS Communications, Inc., please contact Chuck Bisbee or Shelly Fagan at ATS Communications Office, (602) 948-3335. For more information on the Northwestern-ATS program please contact Elise James at (318) 357-4414.





Alumni Directory Coming Soon!

Finding a former classmate can be just like looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack." But not anymore. Soon an impressive directory of our great alumni will be available to help you locate your old friends.

The new Northwestern State University Alumni Directory scheduled for release in March/April of 1991 will be the most up to date and complete reference on over 20,000 Northwestern State University Alumni ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information, bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The Alumni Office/Association has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce our Directory. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the Directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus. (If you prefer not to be listed in the Directory, please contact the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new Northwestern State University Alumni Directory will soon make finding a Northwestern State University alumni as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues.

Any Suggestions ?

The Northwestern State University alumni board members are eager to hear your input, information and suggestions. Simply contact any of the following members:

Raymond Arthur, P. O. Box 226, Natchitoches, LA 71457; Dale Bernard, 1028 Iberville, Lake Charles, LA 70605; Tommy Chester, P. O. Box 140, Arcadia, LA 71001; Barry Fresh, 73507 Sixth Street, Covington, LA 70433; Danny Dison, 4702 General Scott, Bossier City, LA 71112; Carroll Long 334 S-SW Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701; Glenn Talbert, 7600 Pine Road, Shreveport, LA 71129; Susan Taylor, 323 Adelaide, Natchitoches, LA 71457; Ginger Wiggins, 8301 Woodmill, Shreveport, LA 71107 and Elise P. James, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Chris Roper Golf Memorial Tournament

The Eighth Annual Chris Roper Memorial Golf tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 1990, at Northwestern's Robert W. Wilson, Sr. Recreation Complex. The tournament is held in memory of Chris Roper, a native of Camden, Ar., who was killed in a traffic accident over the Christmas holidays in 1982. At the time of his death, Roper was senior at Northwestern and was the top golfer on the 1981 Demon squad. He was also a member of the Trans-American conference all-conference team placing ninth in the league tournament.

Funds raised from entry fees for the tournament are used to help provide scholarships for Northwestern athletics.

Tee off time is 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners. In addition, three prizes will be awarded in a putting contest, two prizes in a closest to the hole contest and one prize in a long drive contest. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Entry fee is \$20 (does not include cart fee). Entry deadline is noon Thursday, April 26, 1990. To register for the tournament, complete the form on page 21 and send entry fee to Elise James, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497. For additional information, call (318) 357-4414.



Springtime Reunions

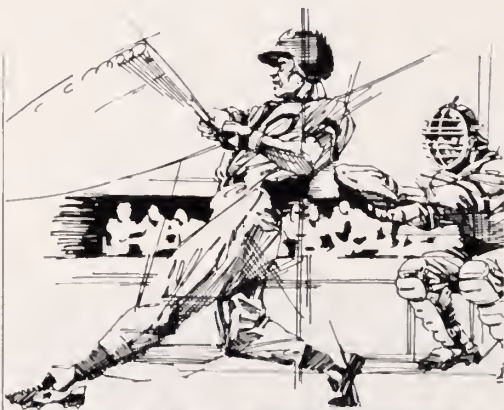
"Reunions have been abounding on campus this spring. Demon Men and Women's Basketball Alumni have returned to campus to visit with one another and to see the area. Baseball and Softball Alumni got together in March and April and enjoyed seeing each other and also attended Demon Baseball and Softball games. It is so much fun to see old friends laughing and talking. We need to have more of these involving other areas. Wouldn't band members, former agriculture students, business school students, etc., like to return as a group? If you are interested in such a reunion, let me know. As members of an academic area while in school you might want to see your old classmates.... Great things are happening on the Northwestern campus and we want you to be a part of them."

Elise P. James

Baseball

Former Baseball Players Reunion

The Alumni Demon Baseball Players Reunion will be held on April 28, 1990. They will be honored at a breakfast, play an alumni game, and be introduced at the Northeast game. We hope everyone will return for this reunion.



Basketball

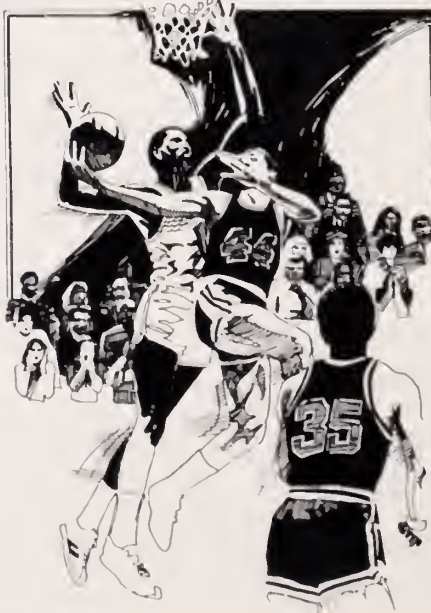
Former Players Night

Former men's basketball alumni had a Former Players Night on February 24, 1990. The reunion included dinner in the Purple and White Room and a chance to see the Demons play Southwest Texas in Prather coliseum. The former athletes were honored at halftime of the game and again at a post game party at the Alumni Center.

Softball

Softball Reunion

Former softball players held a reunion on April 7, 1990. The ladies played an "old timers" game and then had dinner in the Purple and White Room. The former athletes were treated to an afternoon of fun as the Lady Demons played a great game. All who attended the reunion were introduced during the game. The reunion was a success!



Basketball

Old Timers' Reunion

Alumni women basketball players had an Old Timers' Reunion on February 24, 1990. The ladies played a game for "old times sake," and were treated to a dinner in the "N" Club Room. They attended the Demon and Lady Demon games against Southwest Texas then were honored during halftime and at a post game party at the Alumni Center.

Athletic Scholarship Endowment Program

There's something in it for you. Really!

*You're playing golf.
You're buying a mink
coat for that special person.
You're looking at a life
insurance plan.
You're rubbing elbows
with pro football stars.
You're planning a vaca-
tion, or at least a long weekend.
All the while, you could
be helping the Scholarship En-
dowment Fund for
Northwestern's athletic pro-
gram.*

In various ways, there's an opportunity to help Northwestern's Athletic Association boost the Scholarship Endowment Fund while you get something in return.

Greg Burke, executive director of the Athletic Association, has spearheaded the establishment of the Endowment Fund to provide a stable foundation for Northwestern's athletic program in the years ahead.

"The money we raise through our annual fund drive and special projects is just as necessary as we say it is for the daily operation of our athletic program. The endowment program is a different animal, but no less essential. We have no long-term planning right now. With the state of the economy and current trends in government, it's something we have to address today," he says.

The endowment program differs from regular fund-raising activities because

money raised is invested, not directed toward operating expenses for Northwestern's 14 different men's and women's intercollegiate sports programs. The interest generated by the endowment will go toward athletic scholarships.

But what about that golf game? The mink? Those pro football stars? The insurance? The vacation?

Last August, Scholarship Auction '89 kicked off the endowment program in style, raising more than \$26,000 to provide a base for the fund. More than 350 people attended the elegant affair in Prather Coliseum.

Over 300 items were purchased. The biggest sale was a \$1,600 weekend in New York City put together by ex-Demon football star Gary Reasons, now an NFL standout with the New York Giants.

"We had a wonderful time," says Elise James, who was the successful bidder along with her husband, Mack.

For Scholarship Auction '91 — it's a biannual affair — Burke hopes to have some "major items" up for bid: that mink coat, perhaps, or even a new car. And there will certainly be plenty of practical and fun items available, too.

"The Auction went so well," he says, "we had people wanting to do it every year. It was a great night, but it required a tremendous amount of work for several months from many volunteers. We asked a lot of our area businesses in terms of donating items for bid, as well as goods and services for the auction itself.

"We want to make it a very special event. We don't want to ask too much, too quickly, from our volunteers and

our businesses," he says.

There's already been a major event this year, in lieu of the Scholarship Auction, to boost the Endowment Fund.

The Joe Delaney Memorial, a celebrity scramble golf tournament at lovely Southern Trace Country Club in Shreveport, was held March 26. Headlining the field of participants were several ex-Demon football stars now playing in the National Football League — Reasons, John Stephens, Mark Duper, Robert Moore, Paul Frazier, Floyd Turner and Odessa Turner. Also expected to participate were some of Northwestern's retired NFL stars like Sidney Thornton, Charlie Hennigan, Charlie Tolar and Petey Perot, along with world-renowned outdoors-

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and women's athletics.*

man Grits Gresham.

The golf tournament was the main event in a fun-filled two days in Shreveport. Northwestern's pro football players — including Bobby Hebert, who couldn't break a prior engagement to play golf — were coaches for the first annual Delaney Bowl intrasquad spring football game on Sunday afternoon, March 25.

That was followed by an autograph party, an all-you-could-eat catfish supper and a mini Auction '90.

Carolyn Delaney, widow of the ex-Northwestern All-American football and track star, attended the event along with members of the family. The Delaney Memorial will be an annual event, says Burke.

"It's essential to have special events like that to boost our Endowment Fund," he says.

The Endowment Fund is vital, says Burke, to continue Northwestern's tradition of successful men's and women's athletics.

"We don't have any of our 14 sports which award the maximum number of scholarships allowed by the NCAA. In fact, in our case, of a possible 179 scholarships allowed, we give 137. That's bad for a

number of reasons.

"First and foremost, by not being able to give that additional number, there are 41 student athletes that Northwestern doesn't have the opportunity to attract. Secondly, everybody likes to win. We do our share of winning in the Southland Conference, but that's made more difficult when we compete against schools able to award more scholarships than we do. It's a safe statement to say the way the economy is, we are not going to receive an increase in our scholarship levels through state funding — in fact, a decrease in that area is more likely. The endowment fund assures that no matter how difficult funding is on a year-to-year basis, our ability to offer scholarships to quality student-athletes is maintained," he says.

There are two major ways to help boost the Endowment Fund: by participating in the Scholarship Auction and Delaney Memorial, and through individual contributions.

"Most commonly, alumni and friends of the athletic program initiate a scholarship either on their own behalf or on the behalf of a loved one: The Eugene Christmas Scholarship and the Joe Delaney Memorial Scholarship are two good

examples of this," says Burke. "It takes \$500 to establish a scholarship. To make that scholarship permanent, \$5,000 has to be reached and maintained. It takes as much as \$50,000 at one time to completely endow one full scholarship," he says.

How are contributions made?

"Most endowment funds, on an individual basis, receive direct cash donations. It can be done with stocks or securities, by a gift-in-kind, through a will or bequest, naming our fund as beneficiary on an insurance policy," says Burke.

"It's a very serious commitment on the part of a donor to a very serious cause. It's not a one-time donation. It's a perpetual contribution," he says.

For precise information, contact Burke (318-357-5251) at Northwestern's athletic department and he'll be glad to discuss the program and provide literature for reference use.

"Basically, we're trying to secure the future of our athletic program through this endowment fund," he says. "For that, I'll be happy to meet any time, anywhere."

Demons Look Forward to Challenging Season in 1990

Three straight home games, beginning with 1989 Division I-AA playoff quarterfinalist Eastern Illinois, launch a challenging 1990 schedule for the Northwestern Demon football team.

Coach Sam Goodwin's Demons will play five home games, including the Oct. 20 homecoming contest with Southwest Texas State. Northwestern opens Sept. 8 against Eastern Illinois, then plays host to Nicholls State and East Texas State before beginning Southland Conference play Sept. 29 at North Texas.

The Demons, who were ranked 10th nationally at midseason last year, finished second in the conference behind I-AA playoff runner-up Stephen F. Austin. In the season's final game, Northwestern tied SFA 17-17, retaining ownership of Chief Caddo for yet another year.

The 1990 schedule has a couple of significant revisions

Because of dwindling attendance and at the insistence of Northeast Louisiana, the "State Fair Classic" game in Shreveport has been suspended. Northwestern has played a game in Shreveport for 48 seasons, dating back to 1937, and athletic director Tynes Hildebrand says he hopes to get the Demons back to Shreveport as early as the 1991 season.

"I'm very sorry the State Fair Classic has been discontinued," said Hildebrand. "Even though attendance hasn't been what we'd like, we believe playing in Shreveport has been good for our university, our fans, our students and our football program."

NLU officials said they could generate more revenue in a home-and-home series. Northeast has agreed to visit Northwestern in the 1991 and 1992 seasons.

The other major change in the 1990 schedule is the addition of perennial

power Arkansas State, which replaces Lamar on the slate. Lamar discontinued football early this year. The Demons will travel to Jonesboro, Ark., this season and the Indians will visit Natchitoches next year.

"We're very pleased to renew our football series with Arkansas State," said Hildebrand. "This will be a matchup of two of the country's better Division I-AA programs. Our games in the past have been very competitive and exciting and we expect that to continue."

In the last meeting, in 1987, Northwestern snapped Arkansas State's 21-game homefield winning streak — the longest in I-AA football at that point — and upset the No. 2-ranked Indians 24-21.

The 1990 Demons figure to be explosive offensively, with much of the talent back from last year's crew that ranked second in the Southland Conference total offense standings. The entire offensive line returns,

along with nearly all the running backs and receivers.

Sophomore quarterback Brad Brown will step in for record-setting passer Scott Stoker.

Defensively, the Demons will depend on All-America candidates Greg Necaie at end and Andre Carron at line-backer. Both were All-Southland Conference selections, with Necaie winning the "New-comer of the Year" award on the All-Louisiana team.

Northwestern had tremendous fan support last season, setting a record for home-field attendance with an average of 11,000 per game in Turpin Stadium.

***For Ticket Information
Call 318-357-5251***

1990 Demon Football Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Site</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Sept. 8 | Eastern Illinois | Natchitoches | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Nicholls State | Natchitoches | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | East Texas State | Natchitoches | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | *North Texas | Denton, Texas | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 6 | Arkansas State | Jonesboro, Ark. | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 13 | *McNeese State | Lake Charles | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 20 | *#Southwest Texas | Natchitoches | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | *Northeast Louisiana | Monroe | 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 3 | *Sam Houston State | Natchitoches | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 10 | Jackson State | Jackson, Miss. | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 17 | *Stephen F. Austin | Nacogdoches, Texas | 2 p.m. |

*Southland Conference games

#Homecoming

Demons look forward to challenging season.



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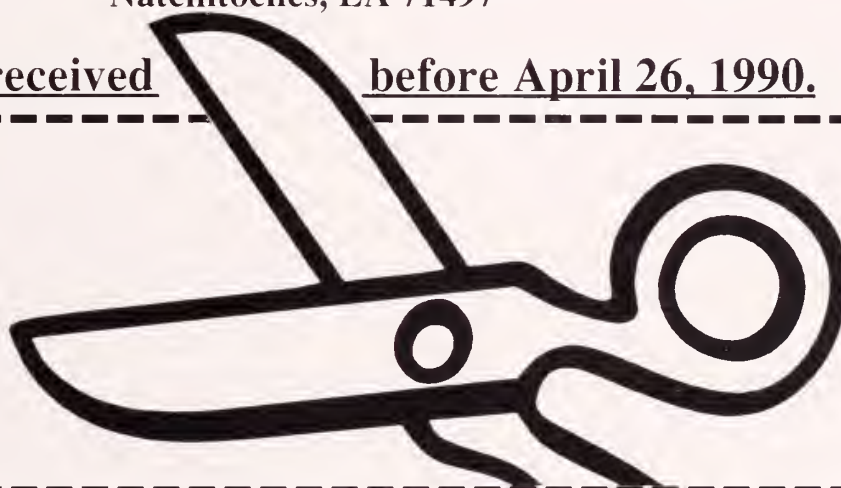
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